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Part B for Feb. 24

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Grant of rewards to certain forest officers in connection with the capture of a herd of elephants in Feby 1923

SC 4729-30 & 6.2.24.

To

Conservator of F's & Comptroller to sanctions the grant of 1 months pay to the Govt officers of Forest Dept as

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Sanctions the grant of 1 months pay to the officers of Forest Deptt as _____

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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

(H.)

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File No. 128

FILE HEADING.

Rewards to certain Forest officers for services rendered in connection with the capture of a herd of elephants in a temporary blockade at Kakankote in February 1923

From

The Conservator of Forests

No. 253 Dated 15. 9. 23 Received 17. 9. 23

Diary No. 1106	Enclos. 4 Spare Copies.	Serial No. 1

BRIEF ABSTRACT OF LETTER.

Submits a detailed report on the capture of a herd of elephants at Kakankote in February last and recommends grant of rewards amounting in all to Rs. 3300/- to certain Forest officers & subordinates

NOTES AND ORDERS.

Submitted for orders. The Conservator has sent a statement showing the receipts and expenditure on account of the Kheddah operations and a net revenue of Rs. 30,933-4-3 in this transaction.

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2. Please note if there are precedents for such rewards to the temporary Controlling Staff of the depot as also the subordinate establishment. The expenditure chargeable to the Forest Kheddah reports

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3. Copy of ego passed in the matter of rewards in connection with 1921-22 Khaddas in Pirit Mpo. The officers were given a deputation allowance of Rs 100/- p.m. The executive & other staff was given bonus to the extent of ~~one~~ 2 months' pay as against higher reward now recommended.

20.9.23 VS.

1. Precis, reference and precedents are put up.

2. The awards recommended by the Comdt. of Pts appear to be very generous. A money award in the case of superior controlling officers such as the D.F.O. is hardly a desirable method of appreciating work. There is no question of deputation bdg as an incidence of the Provincial Service when the officer gets a deputation allowance.

3. The reward suggested in the case of the D.F.O. may be omitted and the approval of the Govt. conveyed to the Comdt. of Pts.

In the case of the bonus to executive staff ~~the~~ one month's pay may

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Magistrate's Powers:

Cf. the Govt. in this case, 8.9.20 may be asked whether the Police mentioned in the Circular letter should be given the Penal Clause and Departmental Punishment

Mrs
21/9/23

Govt. letter

The records suggested are Vagrant, & out of all prisoners & the practice on previous occasions.

10. Many Records & Gazetted Officers are very much in arrears. In the Police Dept, such records are not permanent in the Confidential Rolls of D.S.P.s & A.S.P.s

11 Nov 27 may be given a month's pay. 8-10 may be given the Comforts suggested by the Conservator. The D.F.O's Govt. servants may be recorded with appreciation

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Mrs 21/9

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21.9.23

2nd Member 12 asks the Conservator to send a copy of Madras Govt. Order No. 44 & 8.4.20 Govt. regarding the Powers of Forest Officers & the Conservator

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H. Issue
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2 Fr
the Comm. of Ads
mg. C. 1373 dt 5/10/23
Request that it forwarded mr Macleod
D. O. letter no 44 dt 07/2/23.

3 From the Comm.
Letter - No. 3466 dt 10-10-23
Forwards copy of the
D.O dt 8-2-23 from mr Macleod
15 Subd: with refer to para 12
mss
13.10.23 VS
46 Fr ndy
Mss
13/10/23

17 (Revised)
(Secret Memo) VS 15/10/23
Mss
15/10

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16.10.23
18 A charge misconduct was in
Chanda Khedda undertaken on a cost of
over Rs 11,000 :- A point from the papers on the file: Govt
Sanction for this work has been obtd for undertaking the operation
by the proper Dept competent to undertake such costly
operations working with Sanction - in the Inspection & making
a rep regd one of them ? How was the cost of the operations
made ? Was there Budget provision for it ? If not, & if
there - Budget - was the Expenditure debited ? - Reasons for
accepting the operations been formally recorded ?

Though the operations were conducted & concluded
in Feb'23, the report of the Conservator was received there
in Sept 23. Why was no action taken on the report made there in the matter.
I want a note on the above points. SNDr 26/10/23

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Sub. The temporary stockade was constructed at the instance of H. H and it was intended to effect chance capture of elephants.

And when elephants were actually captured, an advance of Rs 12000/- was sanctioned for the purpose, & the same was subsequently converted into an Additional grant to the Forest Dept. as it is only when elephants are caught that expenditure will become necessary, any small expenditure prior to capture may perhaps be met from Sanctd. grant.

The final report of the Conservator on the capture with the Statement of Accounts is now for orders in the file above, with the question of grant of reward.

The Conservator's interim reports have been recorded in P.C. of 28.4.23

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For orders with reference to remarks made in para 18 of the notes — orders on the final report of the Conservator, submitting accts & recommending rewards, & other orders as regards the rewards, kindly refer to paras 9, 10 & 11 of the notes.

Rev Secy) SNR 1/12 KG 1/12 SNR 1/12

II Member)

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3-12-23.

The operations have resulted in a net profit of Rs 13,200, when taking into account the value (estimated at about Rs 17,700) of the E. Elephants reserved & four gns to the Palace.

As regards the rewards recommended by the Conservator, for the several officers & men who took part in the operations, I agree with the views expressed by Mr K. Anantaraman in paras 9 & 11 of the note. Even the rewards proposed are extravagant & would in the case of smaller officers, many removed as unreasonable. I am of opinion that the Rangers & the Subordinate officers & men who took a prominent active part in the operations may be given a bonus of a months pay each; and this in the case of Mr Nadesan, the Sirdar & approximately for his work, may be commuted to Rs 1000 and he may be also presented with a Government suitable Cross & a watch. Grant some Rs 3000 for the subordinate officers as a case of about Rs 300/-.

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General and Revenue Secretariat.

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DEWAN'S OFFICE.
Recd. on DEC 5 1923
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The Hon. value of the awards accepted by any persons will amount to about Rs. 1200 as against Rs 3300 proposed by the Conservator

Dewans

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SMP 4/12

Papers with the Hr. Secy. to be placed before Legislature This business Chapter Hindu accounts have been closed

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Chief Secy with Compts 13/12 SMP 13/12

Circulate 13/12

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Papers

Hon'ble

19/12

S. N. Subba.

Dewans Office

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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

Council Matter.

SUBJECT.

Grant of rewards to certain Forest officers in connection with the capture of a herd of elephants in February 1923.

CIRCULATED TO THE MEMBERS OF COUNCIL.

By Order,

14th December 1923.

Chief Secretary to Government.

Extraordinary Member of Council.

First Member of Council. 19/12

Second Member of Council. 15/12

Third Member of Council. Subs to II Member for final Note.

Subs.

Final Note signed by the Member is placed on the file

Final Note by the Second Member of Council.

Subject:—

Grant of rewards to certain Forest officers in connection with the capture of a herd of elephants in February 1923.

These papers relate to the chance capture in February 1923 of a herd of elephants in the temporary stockade at Kakankote constructed in accordance with the commands of His Highness. The Conservator reported that 25 elephants were captured on the whole and that the operations had resulted in a net profit of Rs.13,200/- exclusive of the value - estimated at Rs.17,700/- - of the 8 elephants reserved fo the Palace and the Forest Department: and he recommended that in view of the arduous nature of the work, the Forest officers and Mahu who took prominent part in the operations might be given money rewar to the extent of Rs.3,300/- as detailed in his letter dated 15th Sep tember 1923.

2. When the papers came up before me I was of opinion that the re-wards recommended by the Conservator were rather extravagant and proposed that the forest rangers and other subordinate officers and men who took an active part in the operations might each be given a bonus of a month's pay, that as the grant of a money reward to Gazet ted officers was not quite suitable, Mr. Machiah, District Forest Of ficer who supervised the operations, might be presented with a souve-nir in the shape of a gun or a watch or some other suitable article at a cost of about Rs.300/- and that the appreciation of Government might also be communicated to him. The total value of the rewards according to my proposals will be about Rs.1,200/- as against Rs.3,300 recommended by the Conservator.

3. The proposal is agreed to by the Dewan and the First Member of

of Council, and I beg to submit it for the gracious approval of His Highness.

21st December 1923.

OFFG: SECOND MEMBER OF COUNCIL.

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Submitted to His Highness.

I submit herewith a Final Note by the Second *Member of Council on the subject of* Grant of rewards to certain Forest officers in connection with the capture of elephants in February 1923, *for His Highness' gracious approval.*

Dewan.

23 DEC 1923

Record of Cases submitted for the Orders of His Highness the Maharaja

Subject.

Grant of rewards to certain Forest Officers in connection with the capture of elephants in February 1923.

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Order.

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Record of Cases submitted for the Orders of His Highness the Maharaja

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Subject.

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Grant of rewards to certain Forest Officers in connection with the Capture of a herd of elephants in February 1923.

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31. All urgent or confidential files returned with His Highness' orders may, in the absence of instructions or indications to the contrary, be ordinarily circulated to the Members of Council for perusal after the issue of orders.

33. The Secretaries concerned should see that orders in the cases referred to above are issued at once and that the files are returned immediately after to the Chief Secretary for circulation to the Members.

34. In all other cases, the files will first be circulated to the Members of Council at headquarters and then sent to the Secretariat concerned for the issue of orders.

Circulated to the Members of Council for perusal of

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His Highness' orders $\frac{\text{before}}{\text{after}}$ issue of orders. (*Vide* Rules 31, 33 and 34 of the Subsidiary Rules for the conduct of business of Council in the Manual of Council Rules and Procedure.)

Chief Secretary to Govt.

Through the Secretary to Government,
.....Rev.....Department.

FIRST MEMBER OF COUNCIL.

SECOND MEMBER OF COUNCIL.

THIRD MEMBER OF COUNCIL.

Revenue Secy, with Compts.

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II Member)

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SM 18/1

Please put up a draft for
my consideration.

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SM 26/1

Typed draft subd
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27.1.24

SM 31/1

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Second Member)

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SM 4/2

4. To

The Commr. of Ry. Comptt.
Rly. C 4729-30 dt 6/2

Sanction the payment of the usual
payment reward to the four Orange
the veterinary Inspector and other
subordinate officers and direct that
the appreciation of their Railway
Services be communicated to them
and their subordinates mentioned in

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presented with a souvenir in the shape of a gold watch or a gun or other suitable article & request to Govt. to submit a report of the true accounts of the Khadi

GEN. & REV. SECRETTE...
INDUSTRIES & Co-operative BRANCH

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G.R.S. III—3]

Routine Notes.

[To be used only for notes, requisitions, etc., not intended for permanent record.]

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The following ~~three~~ files may kindly be sent to the Commercial Section for submission to the members of Council, for perusal of H.H's orders thereon—

(1) Grant of Rewards to certain forest Officers in connection with the capture of a herd of elephants in February 1923-24. (C 237 of 1923-24.

K.S. Murthy
Supdt. C.S.

K.A. 30/1

To

The Superintendent
L & C Branch, with C

The orders has issued the file is put up

M.S. 7.2.24

Supdt. C.B.
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N.B —Should routine notes be written on small slips, the notes must be copied, or slips pasted on this form.

K.R. 7/2/24

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OFFICE OF THE CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS IN MYSORE

Dated Bangalore, Serial September 1923

No. Enc.4

FROM

B. V. RAMAIENGAR, ESQ., B.A.,
Conservator of Forests in Mysore.

GEN'L. & REV. SECTT. Br. 16 SEP 1923 G. D. SECTION

GEN'L. & REV. SECRETARIAT 17 SEP 1923 INDUSTRIES & COMMERCE BRANCH.

K. V. Anantaraman, Esq., B.A.,
Secretary to the Government of Mysore,
General Department, Bangalore.

SIR,

I have the honour to submit herewith a detailed report on the capture of a herd of elephants in a temporary stockade put up at Kakankote during February last.

The Government Order (No.I.C.2483-4/Ft.98-22-2 dated the 17th October 1922) sanctioning my scheme for this temporary stockade gives the details of the origin of the scheme.

The elephant is a ~~queer~~ migratory animal, always on the move, changing its main tracks of movement, owing to disturbance or other causes. The two permanent kheddas of Mr. Sanderson were constructed surrounding such paths. Since then, these paths have been abandoned, and the elephant movements are now along other tracks. It is on one of such tracks that this new temporary stockade was constructed. The situation was an ideal one, the passage into it being through a natural cutting with deep sides from the River. There is, therefore, every likelihood of the elephants getting into the stockade, without any suspicion whatsoever. The work of putting up the stockade was started in November 1922 and completed by the end of December. Men were detailed to watch the movements of the elephants, and in the beginning of February, a capture was effected. There is nothing I can add to the details of the incident connected with the capture beyond what has been given in the report of Mr. Machaya.

The financial results have turned out to be extremely satisfactory, leaving a net profit of Rs 13,233, exclusive of the value of the eight elephants reserved for the Department and the Palace.

The whole operation reflects great credit on Mr. Machaya and his staff and it only remains for me to submit for the favourable consideration of Government a proposal for substantially rewarding the services of the staff and men employed in the operation. I request that money rewards as detailed below may be granted:-

1.	Mr. M. Machaya, Dist. Forest Officer ..	2 Months' Pay	Rs 1,200
2.	Ranger Mr. Thimmarayappa,	3 months' "	Rs 231
3.	-do- Neelakanta Rao	-do-	Rs 231
4.	Mr. S. R. Babu, Veterinary Inspector	3 months' pay	Rs 296 (M.276)
5.	Ranger Mr. Y. S. Chennagiraya	2 months' pay	Rs 154
6.	-do- Divekar	1 month's pay	Rs 55
7.	Forester Madhava Rao	2 months' pay	Rs 90
8.	17 Guards & Game watchers at Rs 15 each.		Rs 255
9.	Jamedar and 16 men of Departmental elephants, 1 month's pay each.		L.S. 808
10.	Duffedar of Palace elephants, one month's pay and 16 men of Palace elephants at Rs 15 each.		
	Total Rupees ..		3,300

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

B. V. Ramanujam.
Conservator of Forests.

OFFICE OF THE CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS
IN MYSORE,

Bangalore...3rd..September 1923.

Statement showing the Revenue & Expenditure on account of the Chance Khedda operation in February 1923.

Receipts.	Rs A.P.	Expenditure.	Rs A.P.
By sale of elephants at Calicut	25,225-0-0	1. Khedda construction	2,061- 8-0
		2. Tools & Stores	..
Reserved by Deptt. No.10 Rs 3,500 " 19 Rs 2,500 " 21 Rs 1,200 & " 22 Rs 2,500	9,700-0-0	3. Feed of elephants (a) Captives 5043-13-4 (b) Kumies 1011- 7-0 (includes Palace elephants also)	6,055- 4-4
		4. Khedda Temporary establishment.	321- 7-3
		5. Wages to shikaries	776-10-0
		6. Rations to shikaries	432- 8-8
Reserved by Palace No.1 Rs 2,500 No.2 Rs 1,000 No.3 Rs 2,000 No.16 Rs 2,500	8,000-0-0	7. Contingencies (i) Construction of huts 58- 0-0 (ii) Medicines 273- 7-6 (iii) Other items 1118-6-0	1,449-13-6
		8. Sale expenses (1) Shifting of camps 673- 7-0 (ii) Other charges 221- 1-0	894- 8-0
		NET REVENUE.	30,933- 4-3
	42,925-0-0		42,925- 0-0

Net Receipts will be Rs30,933-4-3 minus Rs 17,700-0-0 or Rs 13,233-4-3

K. Ramasvami
Conservator of Forests.

D.O. No.35

District Forest Office,
Mysore, dated, 5th February 1923.

My dear Ramiengar,

On the 28th of last month, while I was camping at Heggaddevankote, learnt by accident of an elephant pitfall in the Chamarajnagar Forest. The message sent by the Range Officer had along with other tappals gone to Antharsanthe.

The next day, I returned to Mysore. On the 30th went to Chamarajnagar and thence on to Hondrabal, to which place, the pitfall had been brought by the Koomkies. It is a female of about 5'-4" in height and is in excellent condition. It appears that it was discovered in a pit situated near Gudi on the 26th morning and the operations were started on the 27th and the elephant was roped and removed on the 29th. On the following day, it was brought to Hondrabal by the three departmental elephants. For the time being, fodder is brought by the Koomkies, and it is fed with five seers of rice tied in Koocheras every day.

On the 1st, I returned to Headquarters and on the 2nd, a message was received via Hunsur from Kakankote Range Office of having sighted a herd and of having started the operations. On the 3rd, I went to Kakankote and found in the Pheelkhana near Mastigudi, three captives consisting of a female (young about 7½' in height) with a male calf of about one year old and another male calf of 5½' in height.

A small herd of about 10 elephants was sighted on the Begur side on the 31st and the Koomkies, it seems, were sent to locate them. On the 2nd, the herd was observed to be getting into the river for drinking water, when, with a few Kurubars, the herd was driven across towards the chance stockade.

It seems, a couple of them crossed the river and escaped into Kakankote Jungle by the side of the stockade put across the Seethammanhalla. Three alone entered the stockade and the rest went back into the Begur jungle. The same day i.e. on the 2nd the three captives were roped and brought to the Pheelkha To look after their feeding etc., three elephants have been deput

viz., Seetha, Tararani and Radhapyari in charge of Mahout Hussain. Fodder will be brought by these three elephants.

I am of opinion that the sale of these elephants should be advertised as early as possible as purchasers from Cuttack side are forthcoming to purchase, especially, the young calves. A considerable amount of saving in the way of feeding charged will be effected by the early disposal of these captives, and the Koomkies will also be freed for timber operations.

As regards the departmental elephants, Radhapyari is in calf and is therefore unfit to work, Seetha and Tararani are reported to be suffering from 'Zaharabad' and want medical attention Iravata is also run down in condition and wants rest. Veerabadra is in 'musth' and might take a month to get over the malady. Thus, there are four elephants fit for work viz., Wasp, Sundragaz, Nurjahan and Muckna - the last being lame, cannot be expected to do any substantial work.

In Chamarajnagar, there are three elephants viz., Saraswathi, Lakshmi and Begum and these have plenty to do in this Forest alone.

May I know, if Begum can be sent with Veerabhadra to Sagar as soon as the latter is ready to undertake the journey?

Yours sincerely,

Sd/- M. Machaya.

B. V. Ramaiengar, Esq., B.A.,
Offg. Conservator of Forests in Mysore,
Bangalore.

Copy.

Letter No.129 dated the 28th August 1923 from the District Forest Officer, Mysore District, to the Conservator of Forests in Mysore..

With reference to your D.O. letter No.13 dated the 13th ultimo, calling for a final report in the matter of the Chance Capture of elephants near Kakankote, I have the honour to invite your kind reference to this office D.O. Nos.35 and 44 dated the 5th and 8th February 1923 respectively, which besides being minutely descriptive, furnish all the required particulars in this connection, excepting the financial aspect of the undertaking.

Suffice it to state that two distinct methods were adopted for the capture of elephants - one by pitfall in the Chamarajnagar Forests, and the other by impounding a herd in the stockade near Kakankote. Only one animal was secured in the Chamarajnagar pits in the latter part of January 1923, and 25 were successfully roped near Kakankote in the early part of February 1923. Out of these captives, numbering 26 in all, 4 died, 4 were selected and retained for use in the Department, 4 were reserved by the Palace and the remaining 14 were sold at Calicut for Rs25,225.

The undertaking which cost Rs 1991-11-9 only, resulted in a net revenue of Rs13,233-4-3 to Government, excluding the estimated value of Rs17,700 for the best and specially selected 8 elephants. A detailed statement showing the financial aspect of the operation is enclosed herewith for your kind perusal.

Copies of the two D.O.'s of Mr. M. Machaya referred to above apportioning the credit for the success of the operation among the several subordinates that took part are submitted herewith for your ready reference.

Copy.

G. R. S. VI—G/32]

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SUBJECT .....

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Diary No. of letter replied to .....

General and Revenue Secretariat

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Date of issue 5/10/23

Signed by Dy. Secy. R.

Section Rr

File No. 128-23

Serial No. 2

No. J.C. 1773

To The Chief Secy to Govt

Sir,

With reference to your letter No. 25381 15-9-23 in the matter of the Grant of Rewards for conviction with the Chauri Chaura of 1922, I am directed to request you to furnish forward a copy of ~~letter~~ Mr Malaviya's D.O. letter No. 44 of 8th Feb 23 referred to in the copy of the enclosure to this letter No. 125 D. 28-8-1923 ~~copy of which has been sent but with the letter under reference~~

over.

Have etc

3.10.23

For Rev - Secy

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3.10.23

Tel. Address.
"Forestcon"

CONSERVATOR'S OFFICE,

No. 346 DIARY NO. 1293 12901

Bangalore, dated 10.10.1923

From

B. V. RAMAIENGAR, ESQ., B.A.,
Conservator of Forests in Mysore,
Bangalore.

File No. 128-23
Serial No. 3

GEN. & REV. SECRETARIAT
12 OCT 1923
INDUSTRIES & COMMERCE BRANCH.

11 OCT. 1923
D. SECTION

To

T. E. Jayarama Aiyar, Esq., B.A., B.L.,
Secretary to the Government of Mysore,
Revenue Department, Bangalore.

Sir,

With reference to your letter No.I.C.1773 dated 5th October 1923, I have the honour to forward herewith a copy of Mr. Machia's D.O. letter No.44 of 8th February 1923.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Conservator of Forests.

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OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT FOREST OFFICER,
Mysore District,

D.O. No. 44 Dated Mysore, the 25th February 1923

From
The District Forest Officer,
Mysore District, MYOSRE.

To
The Conservator of Forests in Mysore,
BANGALORE.

Dear Sir,

On receipt of a telegram from the Kakankote Range Officer on the 8th instant that he was waiting for me there for instructions to capture a herd of elephants in the Chance Khedda, I hastened to Kakankote on the 9th morning. The Range Officer informed me that the kurubars discovered a herd moving in the Kakankote State Forest from Kaimara towards Golur with a big tusker in attendance on the 5th afternoon. On hearing this he immediately assembled a few mahouts and closed the No. 2 gate of the stockade and posted two mahouts on the Machan erected on ~~the~~ a tree so as to be in readines to drop the No. 1 gate (the roadside gate) as soon as the herd enters the stockade.

At About 7 P.M. the man on tree tops saw the tusker a huge beast enter the stockade while the herd was quietly grazing a hundred yards away to the left of the high road. The tusker went round the stockade finding his progress to the river blocked, turned back to return by the open gate when alone the gate was dropped as all chance of enticing the herd were the tusker to rejoin it would be hopeless. On seeing this and the balze of fire kindled all round by the watchers the tusker became scared and grew turbulant. He started charging at the stockade with a view to smash through it and knocked down all the trees within the area. A strenuous struggle between the men armed with a gun, spears and toches and the tusker was kept up till 3 A.M. Shooting him with shots at close quarters and spearing were of no avail. Though the stockade stood the terrific onslaught, yet it would be incredible to onlookers

onlookers to believe that such a huge mammoth could have succeeded in sealing the stockade a height of about 10' and making good its escape. While running away he came across Chamundi Prasad, a full grown tusker, hit him on the trunk and knocked him down and then threw Nurzehan (a young cow) considerable distance away. Thus all our attempts to capture a tusker which was our sole aim was frustrated.

The herd of course, went back and crosed the river between Kakankote Kadu and No. 2 Khedda the same night. This herd was found to be grazing near the river bank on the Begur side on the 6th & 7th. It was then the Range Officer sent for me and I went on the 9th morning. Meanwhile on the 8th the Kakankote Range Oficer with a handful of Kurubars and all the mahouts posted the Kakankote Kadu crescent and Thurche Kadu lines in the morning and summoned the aid of Begur kurubars and Entahalli villagers who came promptly and the surrounding was completed that night. The next morning he had sent for the Belathur villagers who started coming in driblets long after I reached Kakankote.

In order not to waste time and thereby create suspicion among the herd I directed the Jamedar to take about four Kunkies and start the drive at about 4 P.M. while I attended to the strengthening of the stockade by putting extra uprights between those already put up. Though this work could not be completed for want of labour, the drive was undertaken at 5 P.M. The herd came of its own accord to the river bank at about 6.30. P.M. and the driving party also came behind it. Just then one of the shikaries who had been posted on a tree on the river bank appears tohave lost his head and started shouting directions to the driving party, which naturally scared the herd and it bolted back again into the Begur Jungle. This naturally caused great disappointment and depressed our spirits but the failure taught us many valuable lessons of which full advantage was taken in the subsequent drive.

On the following day it was resolved to start the drive much earler i.e., about midday so as to impound the elephants before dark. Accordingly the drive was commenced to start at 1 P.M. The herd became very elusive and owing to the presence of vast thickets of young bamboo the presence of elephants could not be located without difficulty. To add to our troubles the herd often got split into smaller groups and though the drive lasted till dusk, success was as far of as ever. The area of the surround was too huge for the number of kumkies engaged in the drive and the herd could get scattered about causing considerable confusion to the party. Therefore the area between Kakankote Kadu and ~~Kuuxk~~ Kalicote Kadu was climinated late at night. The next day ~~kk~~ i.e., the 11th it was decided to start operations by about 10 A.M. It took some time to post men on a line cart parallel to the crescent line. The advantage of restricting the area for the movement of the elephants became soon manifest. Hardly had the kimkies entered for driving, the herd started coming to the river bank. The kumkies with mahouts appeared a few moments later behind the herd and with the accompaniment of shouting and much noise the herd was slowly driven across the river. Though trouble was apprehended on this bank, every precaution in the way of barricades and escapement of banks and posting of men was taken, the herd quietly entered the stockade and ~~xxxx~~ was safely impounded by about by about 1 P.M. The herd consisted of several big cows and a very large number of young tuskers and small calves. It was then estimated to be about 40, but, later on turned out to be 53. For want of sufficient number of kumkies it was then resolved to capture ~~of~~ about fifteen promising young ones of and below 7' in height. as they are easily manageable and quickly saleable. Further, as neigher arrangments had been made in advance towards the feed and watering of such a big herd nor was sufficient hemp forthcoming locally for the roping operations, it was settled not to capture more than our resouces permitted and to keep away from the temptation of securing a record number

made impregnable by barricades and escapements of the bank. xx Though now a considerable measure of success has been xxkke achieved it is felt that without the capture of a solitary tusker as per His Highness' commands it seems incomplete.

SERVICE OF THE THE STAFF

Mr. B. T. Thimmarayappa - Range Officer, Kakankote, This officer had to bear the whole brunt of the work. He was responsible for the collection of stockade materials and erection of the stockade. He is primarily responsible for the successful capture of the herd. His skill and resource were of great value.

Mr. D. N.Neelakanta Rao - Range Officer, Heggaddevankote- His services were specially indented for the share the burden of work with Mr. Thimmarayappa during the drive. He was engaged in the drives and conducted the operation successfully. He did his work most cheerfully and was ever ready to make himself useful.

Mr. S. R. Bapu, Asst. Veterinary Inspector. He happendd to be present from the very beginning by accident as he had gone to Kakaknote to attend to some of the sick kumkies. He associated himself in all the responsible work in connection with the driming operation. Along with the others he attempted to the watch and ward of the surround lines both day and night He will now be responsible for the feed and upkeep of the captives till their final disposal.

Mr. Y. S. CHENNIGIRAYA, Range Officer, Begur. He co-operated with the others in all the operations. He sent his kurubars in time to complete the surround and remained with them day and night. He was also engaged in the drives.

Mr. D. V. Divekar, Range Officer, Plantations. He is new to this kind of work and he joined the operations on the 9th. He was also put on petrol duty subsequently he attended to the feeding of the captives and now he is left in charge

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Though the Mahouts were completely exhausted after three days of strenuous work and sleepless night they were pursuaded to start roping immediately. That the supply of hemp would run out was foreseen and the Range Officer, Begur was despatched to secure more.

This day only five young males could be roped as only five mahouts had any experience of roping operations. At night, trouble from the herd was anticipated and all the Rangers, Jamedar and mahouts had again to spend a sleepless night. Some of the old cows kept charging at the stockade continuously and they could be kept at bay only by shooting with shots. Though water was previded in troughs none of the herd took water nor was branch fodder eaten by any. On the 12th again, only 9 could be roped. The captives had not taken any water this day and cosidering the hardship they must be undergoing I thought it inadvisable to keep them any longer than midday of the 13th. By midday 8 more were roped and the rest of the herd were driven out. Thus altogether 22 captives were secured in three days. The roping was brought to a close but the more anxious and responsible work of looking after the captives remain now.

On the 13th night alone, three captives roped on that day died in the Pheelkhana. This long detention which was forced on us for want of kumkies greatly told upon their health and it was fortunate that so may were set free else out list of casualities would have gone up considerably.

The cost incurred in driving the herd may not exceed Rs 800/- During the Khedda operation to the Prince of Wales a proposal to organise chance Khedda emanated from His Highness the Maharaja. In accordance with his commands, a chance Khedda was established near Suthanhalla under your directions and the work of erecting a stockade was completed in December. It was decided to leave everything to chance while at the same time all possible safeguards against failure were taken. The left bank of the river was made

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and are attending to the feed and keep of the captives.

PALACE

Daffedar	--	Sabu
Mahout and Kothal	of	Kundarghaz.
Do	of	Chamundi Prasad
Do	of	Mohanpyari
Do	of	Radhapyari
Do	of	No. 41
Do	of	Albion No. 1
Do	of	Albion No.2

Mahout and Kothal of Mothilal

Do of Veerabhadra - have since arrived and are attending to the captives.

Messrs Thimmarayappa and Neelakanta Rao are recommended for a special appreciation of their services. These along with other-s have not only brought about a successful capture of a large herd which would bring considerable revenue to the coffers of the state but have rendered conspicuous service during the three shikar~~i~~s undertaken between August and December 1922. Thanks to them the distinguished visitors- Lords Rawlinson and Wellingdon and party and His Highness the Maharaja and party on another occasion were given splendid sport. Though fully occupied with the shikar arrangements they did not allow the routine forest works to suffer. Not only were all the forest works completed in time but in spite of the closure of the road to traffic during the shikar days they succeeded in carting a large quantities of timber to the several sale depots.

I am of opinion that both these hardworking officers should be amply compensated for, the extraordinary work so successfully accomplished by them and I beg to suggest that each of them may be granted a personal allowance of Rs. 15/- per mensem.

Among others Messrs Y. S. Chennigiraya and S.R. Papu, Forester Madhava Rao and Jamedar Oosumeah have done yeoman service and deserve special recongnition. The others as usual during the Khedda Operations may be granted a bonus of two months pay.

I remain,
Your obedient servant,
Sd/- M. Machaya.

B. V. RAMAIENGAR, Esq., B.A.
Conservator of Forests in Mysore,
BANGALORE.

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for District Forest Officer,
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Proceedings of the Government of H.H. the Maharaja of Mysore.

Read -.

Letter No.253 dated 15th September 1923 from the Conservator of Forests, submitting a final report on the capture of a herd of elephants during February 1923 in the temporary stockade put up at Kakankote and recommending sanction to the grant of certain money rewards to Mr. M. Machaya, D.F.O. and others for their services in connection with the capture.

Order No. J.C.4729-36/ Fst- 128-23-4

Dated, Bangalore, 6/2/1924

Signed by Mr. S. N. Rao.

The Conservator reports that 25 elephants were captured and that the operations resulted in a net profit of Rs.13,200/- exclusive of the value (estimated at Rs.17,700) of 8 elephants reserved for the Palace and the Forest Dept. In view of the arduous nature of the work, the Conservator recommends the grant of money rewards to the officers and men to the extent of Rs.3300/-.

Govt. are pleased to sanction the payment of one month's pay as a reward to the Forest Rangers, the Veterinary Inspectors and other subordinate officers and men ~~as per list~~ attached, who took an active part in the operations, as per list attached

Like last para of P.W.D.

With regard to Mr. Machaya, D.F.O, ~~they~~ who was in charge of the operations, for are pleased to direct that their appreciation of his services ~~in connection with the operations~~ be communicated to him and that he be

also presented with a souvenir in the shape of a gold watch or a gun ~~xx~~ or other suitable article which he may choose, of the value of about Rs.300/--

The Conservator is requested to submit a report ~~giving~~ the final accounts of the Khedda.

(Fair draft as approved by minister.)

Offg. Rev. Secy to Govt.

To

The Conservator of Forests.

The Comptroller to Govt.

1.	Mr.	B. T. Thimmarayappa R.O. Pay Rs.	77
2	"	Neelakanta Rao	77
3.	"	S.R.Bapu Veterinary Insptr.	92
4.	"	Y. S.Channaganga R.O.	77
5.	"	D.V.Dwarka R.O.	55
6.	"	Madhava Rao Forester	45
7.		Gaards and game watchers 17 in number on month's pay each	
8		One Jamadar & 16 men of Elephant Est. one month's pay each.	
9.		One Daffadar and 16 men of Palace Elephant Est. one month's pay each.	

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